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SUBJECT: "NEDELYA" RAPS AMERICAN ZIONISTS FOR MEETING JEWISH  
DISSIDENTS IN LENINGRAD

1. IZVESTIYA'S WEEKLY MAGAZINE "NEDELYA" FOR JULY  
7-13 CARRIES A FULL-PAGE ARTICLE BY OLEG BARSOV ON  
"ZIONIST TOURISTS." ARTICLE OPENS WITH ADVENTURES IN  
LENINGRAD OF TWO AMERICAN "TOURISTS" AARON WEIN AND  
INEZ WEISSMAN WHO ARE DESCRIBED RESPECTIVELY AS  
A RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF THE "UNITED COMMITTEE FOR THE  
DEFENSE OF SOVIET JEWRY," AND AS THE PRESIDENT OF  
THAT ORGANIZATION. THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE DESCRIBED IN  
SOME DETAIL, INCLUDING COMMENTS ABOUT THEIR "SECRET  
MEETINGS WITH JEWISH DISSIDENTS" IN LENINGRAD. ARTICLE  
COMMENTS THAT TIMING OF VISIT, AT JEWISH PASSOVER, WAS  
PARTICULARLY REPREHENSIBLE. ARTICLE NOTES THAT A  
QUANTITY OF STARS OF DAVID AND JEWISH BOOKS WERE  
CONFISCATED FROM THESE TWO TOURISTS AT THE TIME OF  
THEIR ENTRY, AND CASSETTES WERE CONFISCATED AT THEIR  
DEPARTURE. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, WEIN AND WEISSMAN  
ACTIVELY SOLICITED AND TAPED REMARKS BY SOVIET JEWS  
ABOUT SOVIET HINDRANCES TO EMIGRATION AND ANTI-SEMITIC

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HARASSMENT OF JEWS.

2. TAKING THIS CASE AS HIS TEXT, THE AUTHOR THEN RINGS ALL OF THE CHANGES ON THE PROVOCATIVE NATURE OF SUCH TOURISTS. HE NOTES THEIR ORGANIZATION AND THEIR ACTIVITIES, DESIGNED TO FOSTER A DESIRE TO EMIGRATE -- ESPECIALLY AMONG SCIENTISTS AND WORKERS IN SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIES. HE DESCRIBES THE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF SOVIET JEWRY AS PARTICULARLY EVIL SINCE IT IS ORGANIZING SUPPORT AMONG OTHER NATIONALISTIC AND RELIGIOUS, IN A WORD ANTI-SOVIET, ORGANIZATIONS. THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO RECALL OTHER RECENT ANTI-SOVIET MANIFESTATIONS, FOR EXAMPLE THE CASE OF DR. SHTERN (WHEN AMERICAN AND BRITISH STUDENTS OFFERED TO SERVE HIS SENTENCE), AND THE ACTIVITIES OF SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE "ASSOCIATED LAWYERS OF CALIFORNIA." THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH THE CONDEMNATION OF THE PERVERSION OF TOURISM FOR SUCH ANTI-SOVIET ENDS.

3. COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE WAS PRESUMABLY DESIGNED TO SERVE AS A WARNING TO SOVIET JEWS TO BE CAREFUL OF THEIR CONTACTS WITH WESTERNERS, ESPECIALLY WITH AMERICAN JEWS. PERHAPS MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, IT INDICATES A SENSITIVITY TOWARD THE COLLECTION OF TESTIMONY FROM SOVIET JEWS BY WEIN AND WEISSMAN ABOUT THE CURRENT SOVIET CAMPAIGN TO RESTRICT JEWISH EMIGRATION THROUGH INDIVIDUAL HARASSMENT WITHOUT PUBLICITY.

4. BARSOV'S ARTICLE IS TOO LATE IN THE SEASON TO BE MERELY CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE ANNUAL SOVIET WARNINGS AGAINST CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN TOURISTS, AND ITS UNUSUALLY NARROW FOCUS STRESSES THE PARTICULAR PROBLEM -- JEWISH EMIGRATION. THE USE OF THE PHRASE "JEWISH DISSIDENTS" IS ALSO UNUSUALLY FRANK LANGUAGE TO APPEAR IN A MASS CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER.

5. THE EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION ON THE WEIN/WEISSMAN CASE IN ITS CONSULAR FILES.  
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